

I am a proud cosponsor of the resolution before the House today which expresses the gratitude and appreciation of the House of Representatives for the acts of heroism and military achievement of all the Members of the Armed Forces who participated in the D-day landings on Normandy beach.

These brave warriors went to war to liberate Europe for the cause of freedom.

The average age of the brave young warriors representing the United States on those shores was just 20 years old.

They might have been young Madam Speaker, but their leadership and their commitment to freedom marked the beginning of the liberation of France and ultimately culminated in the destruction of the Nazi Empire and the triumph of the Allied Forces.

I am pleased to speak in support of the resolution today and urge all my colleagues to support this important legislation.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING THE JHPIEGO GROUP

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the JHPIEGO Group for its continuing efforts in preventing the deaths of women and children around the globe, on its 35th Anniversary.

For two and a half decades, the JHPIEGO Group has brought medical innovations into common practice for the world's most vulnerable populations in order to bring high-quality medical services to these areas. While they began as a group of technical experts in reproductive, maternal, and children's health, they have expanded their purpose by embracing new challenges, including education of HIV/AIDS prevention, malaria, and cervical cancer.

In its continuing mission to save lives around the world, the JHPIEGO Group has become an innovator of healthcare treatments, a leader in sustainable healthcare systems, and a voice around the world advocating for the advancement of policies and programs designed to improve healthcare the world over. They have become a model for similar institutions worldwide by providing data, research and training.

The JHPIEGO Group provides front-line healthcare workers with effective, low cost, and hands on solutions designed to enhance the delivery of health care services in difficult environments. By partnering with organizations from the local to national level, the JHPIEGO Group has been successful in building sustainable local capacity healthcare reforms through advocacy, policy development, and quality improvement approaches. Over the course of this journey, the JHPIEGO Group has worked in 150 countries and is currently running 60 programs in 40 countries.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor the JHPIEGO Group on this memorable occasion. Their dedication to improving the quality of life of people around the world has provided life saving health care and opportunities for medical advancement that have made a positive difference in the global community.

RECOGNIZING THE POLK COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a delegation, from my district that has traveled to Washington representing Polk County, Georgia and its Chamber of Commerce. The delegation includes representatives from the Chamber, elected officials from the City of Cedartown, elected officials from the City of Rockmart, county elected officials, as well as local business leaders.

Located just outside metro Atlanta on the Georgia-Alabama line, Polk County offers a number of great opportunities for both residents and businesses that are looking to locate to Georgia. However, like counties across America, Polk County and its citizens are facing their own economic challenges. For this reason, this delegation has come to Washington to advocate on behalf of their community and to discuss both the potential positive and negative impact that actions here in Washington can have not just on Polk County, but on all of our Nation's communities.

I want to take this opportunity to commend the Polk County Chamber of Commerce for taking this proactive approach in representing the best interests of the people of Northwest Georgia. I look forward to our visit as we continue to work together to facilitate a stronger and even more economically vibrant Polk County.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Madam Speaker, on rolcall No. 293, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING WINKELMAN BUILDING CORPORATION OF ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA, FOR 40 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Winkelman Building Corporation on its 40th anniversary as a business leader in the St. Cloud community. Success at their level of expertise could not have been achieved without hard work, long hours, and many sacrifices. I know that everyone at Winkelman Building Corporation can be very proud of the accomplishment that brings them together at this milestone.

Winkelman Building Corporation has been working with communities across the nation to build structures that serve a purpose and make a statement. They have been recog-

nized 18 times by local and national groups for their innovation and excellence since 1993. Most recently, they were awarded the Project of the Year by the Minnesota Construction Association for the Kennedy Community School in St. Joseph, Minnesota. This school is the pride of the community and one of the first Leader in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified schools in the nation. When I toured the Kennedy Community School I was impressed by the amount of thought that went into making it not only an innovative facility, but a welcoming place in which children could learn.

I rise today, Madam Speaker, to honor the tireless efforts of the employees at Winkelman Building Corporation that have brought this company four decades of success. The backbone of our local and national economies is America's small businesses, and through good times and bad, companies like Winkelman are pulling through with resolve and optimism. I join other community and business leaders in St. Cloud in looking forward to another 40 years of groundbreakings, grand openings and award celebrations.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 915) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2009 through 2012, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes:

Mr. MATHESON. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to speak in support of Navigational Aids funding for the new St. George airport in Utah.

I would like to thank Chairman OBERSTAR and the T&I committee staff for working on this important piece of legislation.

Last October, the City of St. George broke ground on the construction of a new replacement airport—this is the only airport in the country currently being built. While the FAA has committed to funding a large portion of the project, they did not provide enough funding for critical navigational equipment.

Given the difficult mountainous terrain and the need to avoid flying over two National Parks—Zion and the Grand Canyon—navigational equipment for the new airport is essential for public safety.

In April, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood committed to the City that FAA would fully fund the navigational aids component of the airport.

I would like to thank the Secretary for undertaking this commitment. I stand ready to work with the FAA, DOT, and the T&I committee to make sure funding is provided in order to open the new airport on time.